

Important Dates

Tuesday 7th June - First day of school

Wednesday 8th June - Holiday Homework Celebration

Friday 10th June - Nicaragua Class Assembly

W/c 13th June - Multiplication Times Table Test

Monday 20th - 24th June - Refugee Week

Friday 24th June - Class photographs

Friday 24th June 2pm - Years 3,4&5 Musical Showcase

W/c 27th June - Health, Fun & Fitness Week including Sports Day

W/c 4th July - Arts Week including Day to Create on Wednesday

Friday 15th July - Open afternoon and reports to be collected

Thursday 21st July 1.30pm - end of school year



Homework

Homework is handed out on **Friday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. Homework consists of **English** and **Maths** tasks that will consolidate the work they have learned that week and a literacy task. A regular part of homework is weekly **spellings**. Please do practise them with your child at home. Lastly, an important part of homework is **handwriting**. It is vital that all children have cursive handwriting and this is an opportunity to practice forming their letters accurately.

All homework is on Google Classrooms. Please get your child to complete it on there if you can. If you do not have access to a computer device or internet, we will continue to give homework in books for your child.

It is essential that your child **reads every day**. Reading is a fantastic way for your children to expand their vocabulary, increase their knowledge and improve their writing. They should complete in their Home Reading Journal at least 5 times a week and should bring it to school every day.

Multiplication Tables Check

In Year 4, children across the UK are tested on their times tables knowledge. This year, the test will take place, in small groups, in the week starting 13th June. The test is completed on an iPad and children are asked 25 multiplication questions and are given 6 seconds to answer them with a 3 second pause between questions. Obviously, we dedicate learning time to our times tables at school but help to support their learning at home is much appreciated. Once children know all their times tables, focusing on speed is important.

There are three apps that can help with this too: TT Rockstars, Topmarks 'Hit The Button' and Mathsframe Times Table Check. The last one is very similar to the actual test they will do so it is fabulous if they can practice on this once they know all their times tables.



Year Four
Mexico and Nicaragua



Summer 2 2022 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a relaxing week and your children are happy to be back at school.

We have an exciting half term planned, full of fantastic learning. We are looking forward to our two special weeks this half term - 'Health, Fun and Fitness' and 'Arts Week' - and also inviting you into school to share our musical learning with us at our musical showcases.

If you wish to talk to us about your child, you should ring the office to let them know and we will then call you back.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Warmest wishes,

The Year 4 team:

Ms Kennedy, Ms Altun, Ms Corrales

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The Convention
applies to everyone:
whatever their race,
religion or abilities,
whatever they think or say,
whatever type of family
they come from.



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Every child must
be free to say what
they think and to seek
and receive all kinds of
information, as long as
it is within the law.



Writing

We will start the term by studying 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and base our writing on this. In the first weeks, we will be writing dialogue, ensuring we can accurately use punctuation for speech including inverted commas. We will then move on to diary entries with a focus on using fronted adverbials in our writing. We will finish the term by finding the 'poet' within us by exploring, writing and performing poems.

Mathematics

As mathematicians, we will continue with our work on statistics. We will then move on to looking at measure - length, time and money and do further work on decimal numbers to the tenth and hundredth. We will finish our work this term by looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties and finally look at positional directions. All year 4 children across the country complete the National Multiplication Test in June. We learn our times tables every day at school but support from home is much appreciated. Regular practice every day is proven to be most effective.

Geography

We will be learning about plants and biomes and explore the role plants play in agriculture. We will then learn about the different ways humans use plants.

Science

As scientists, we will be learning electricity. This will include learning about the basic components of a simple circuit including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will then be creating simple circuits using these components and learning to draw diagrams of them accurately to represent the circuits we have made.

Reading

We will continue with Destination Reader, a reading programme to develop our reading skills of inference, prediction, clarifying, summarising, evaluating, asking questions and making connections through our daily reading lessons. We will look at a range of books, including modern fiction and myths and legends.

Computing

We will be exploring how we can change digital images.

Design & Technology

In Design & Technology, we will be analysing existing night lights, designing our own, creating them and then evaluating what works well and how they could be improved. By the end, we should have a night light we can bring home.

Music

As musicians, we will be continuing our musical learning in the context of learning how to play the ukulele.

History
Biomes

Mathematics
Statistics
Length
Money
Time

Science
Electricity

PSHCE
Changing Me

RE
Humanism

Religious Education

We will be learning about Humanists and what they believe in.

Physical Development

Children must bring their **complete PE kit** each day they do PE.
Nicaragua: Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Mexico: Monday (outdoor) and Tuesday (indoor)

Writing and
Reading
The Iron Man
By Ted Hughes

Computing
Photo Editing

Design &
Technology

Music
Ukulele

Physical
Development
Athletics
Badminton

BIOMES

FOREST

DESERT

GRASSLAND